

REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 1, 8 and 11 are amended and new claims 14-25 are added. Support for the changes to claims 1 and 11 can be found, *inter alia*, at page 2, lines 27-29 of the specification and in claim 2, which has been cancelled. Support for new claims 14-25 is found, *inter alia*, in the specification at page 2, line 7 through page 3, line 16, page 3, line 31 through page 4, lines 37, page 6, line 21 through page 8, line 22, and in Figures 1 and 2. Claims 1, 3 and 5-25 are presented for further examination.

The rejection of claims 1-3 and 6-13 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Smesny, US 5,444,637, in view of Myers, US 6,102,284 and the rejection of claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Smesny in view of Myers and further in view of Moradi, US 6,607,965, are respectfully traversed with respect to the amended claims.

As amended, independent claims 1 and 11 each require, in pertinent part, a ROM for storing a keyword that authorizes a read of the measured data. As acknowledge in the Office Action, Smesny does not disclose a ROM for storing a keyword, much less a keyword that authorizes a read of measured data. Myers discloses a cradle for holding a device such as a wireless terminal (see, e.g., abstract and column 3, lines 23-24). The cradle may include an EEPROM for storing passwords for locking a device to the cradle (see column 5, lines 1-31). Myers does not disclose or suggest, however, that the keyword stored in one memory (ROM) authorizes a read of measured data that is stored in a separate memory.

Moradi, which was cited for teaching a capacitor comprising a polysilicon/silicon nitride stack, fails to remedy the deficiencies of Smesny and Myers with respect to claims 1 and 11.

Based on the limited teachings of Smesny, Myers and Moradi, one with ordinary skill would not have had a reasonable expectation of successfully incorporating into a sensor wafer a ROM operatively configured to store a keyword that authorizes the reading of data stored in a memory of the sensor. Claims 1-3 and 6-13 are thus deemed patentable over the cited references. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

Regarding new claims 14-21, Applicants believe that the cited references fail to disclose or suggest all of the structural features recited in these claims, including an electronics module attached to a container element that is available for communication with the monitor element when the monitor element is transferred into the container element.

Regarding new claims 22-25, Applicants believe that the cited references do not disclose or suggest all of the recited method steps, including reading a keyword stored in ROM, which permits data stored in memory to be read.

In view of the foregoing, the application is respectfully submitted to be in condition for allowance, and prompt favorable action thereon is earnestly solicited.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned at (202) 624-2995 would be

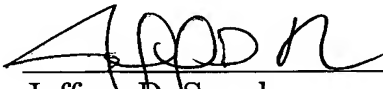
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appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #101249.56268US).

Respectfully submitted,

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